<u>In the Claims</u>:

Please amend claims 11 and 20. The status of the claims is as follows:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire comprising:

a plurality of grooves formed on a tread portion; and

a plurality of blocks divided by the grooves, wherein

a ratio of a block facing length c to a width b of the ~~groove~~ grooves c/b is in a range of 0.50≤c/b≤1.30, ~~where~~ wherein the block facing length c is ~~a length of a shorter line segment~~ obtained by selecting a pair of blocks adjacent to each other across a groove from a plan view of the tread portion, drawing perpendicular lines from two vertices of one block on a side of a sandwiched groove to other block across the sandwiched groove, respectively, connecting ends of the perpendicular lines on the one block by a first line segment along an outer circumference of the one block, connecting ends of the perpendicular lines on the other block by a second line segment along an outer circumference of the other block, and comparing ~~a length of the line segment between the blocks~~ lengths of the first and second line segments, the block facing length c being shorter one of the first and second line segments.

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12. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein

the ratio of the block facing length c to the width b of the groove c/b is in a range of 1.00≤c/b≤1.30.

13. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein

a ratio of the block facing length c to a depth a of the groove c/a is in a range of 0.40≤c/a≤0.85.

14. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 13, wherein

the ratio of the block facing length c to the depth a of the groove c/a is in a range of 0.60≤c/a≤0.80.

15. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, further comprising:

at least three lines of a block array formed with a plurality of the blocks arranged in a tire circumferential direction.

16. (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein

the groove includes an inclined groove that is inclined with respect to a tire circumferential direction, and

a substantially net-shaped tread pattern is formed on the tread portion.

17. (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 16, wherein

an angle of inclination of the inclined groove is in a range between 30 degrees and 60 degrees.

18. (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein

a ratio of a depth a and the width b of the groove b/a is in a range of $0.6 \leq b/a \leq 0.8$.

19. (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein

a protrusion for suppressing a foreign-object drilling is formed in a bottom of the groove.

20.   (Currently Amended)   A pneumatic tire comprising:

a plurality of grooves formed on a tread portion; and

a plurality of blocks divided by the grooves, wherein

a ratio of a block facing length c to a depth a of the ~~groove~~ grooves c/a is in a range of 0.40≤c/a≤0.85, ~~where~~ wherein the block facing length c is ~~a length of a shorter line segment~~ obtained by selecting a pair of blocks adjacent to each other across a groove from a plan view of the tread portion, drawing perpendicular lines from two vertices of one block on a side of a sandwiched groove to other block across the sandwiched groove, ~~respectively,~~ connecting ends of the perpendicular lines on the one block by a first line segment along an outer circumference of the one block, connecting ends of the perpendicular lines on the other block by a second line segment along an outer circumference of the other block, and comparing ~~a length of the line segment between the blocks~~ lengths of the first and second line segments, the block facing length c being shorter one of the first and second line segments.

21.   (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein

the ratio of the block facing length c to the depth a of the groove c/a is in a range of 0.60≤c/a≤0.80.

22.　　(Previously Presented)　　The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, further comprising:

at least three lines of a block array formed with a plurality of the blocks arranged in a tire circumferential direction.

23.　　(Previously Presented)　　The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein

the groove includes an inclined groove that is inclined with respect to a tire circumferential direction, and

a substantially net-shaped tread pattern is formed on the tread portion.

24.　　(Previously Presented)　　The pneumatic tire according to claim 23, wherein

an angle of inclination of the inclined groove is in a range between 30 degrees and 60 degrees.

25. (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein

a ratio of the depth a and a width b of the groove b/a is in a range of 0.6≤b/a≤0.8.

26. (Previously Presented)   The pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein

a protrusion for suppressing a foreign-object drilling is formed in a bottom of the groove.